THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted proposal for Rs. 365.90 crores for grant in aid under Article 275(1) for the development of Bastar. Grant in aid under Article 275(1) is rather meager to take care of huge requirement for implementation of integrated development project as has been proposed by the State of Chhattisgarh. The State Government has been advised to take up the issue with the Planning Commission for obtaining special allocation. However, as per the entitlement of the State, an amount of Rs. 774.62 lakhs has been sanctioned to Chhattisgarh, for taking up construction of roads in Rajnandgaon District and for completion of incomplete irrigation projects of Sarguja and Korba Districts during 2000-2001.

Special Central assistance for tribals in Andhra Pradesh

2500. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the special Central assistance sanctioned and released by Government during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for the betterment of the tribals in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the assistance utilised by the State Government and how many tribals families were benefited;

(c) whether State Government has approached the Government to release the balance fund for the upliftment of the tribals in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when Government are expected to release the balance fund?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Full entitlement of the State for the current financial year has already been released to the State.

Statement

Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan Released to Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Utilisation of the funds reported by the State during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount released	Utilisation reported	Tribal families assisted*
1998-99	2728.47	2728.47	1,54,000
1999-2000	2182.94	729.29	1,02,340
2000-2001	2182.94	— (upto December, 2000)	70,440

*The number of tribal families assisted under Point 11(b) of 20 Point Programme includes other Central/State Schemes besides SCA to TSP.

Grants-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Co-operative Corporations

2501. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the budget provision for grants-in-aid to State Tribal Development Co-operative Corporations during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the amount released to State Tribal Development Co-operative Corporations during the above years, State-wise; and

(c) the amount utilised by the State Tribal Development Co-operative Corporations during the above years, State-wise?